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25X1 1. [] Called Stan Kimmit, Secretary to Majority Leader Mansfield to inquire whether the Senator was in town and to offer him a briefing on the RAMPARTS/NSA matter. Kimmit said the Senator was out of town and was not expected back until late today. He will give him a note on this and be back in touch with me.

25X1 2. [] Received several inquiries, directly and indirectly, from the Pentagon, including a personal inquiry from Frank Hand, with respect to the press item attributed to Representative Alvin O'Konski which indicated that he had received a CIA briefing on Saturday which included the display of photo reconnaissance indicating the presence of 300 foreign vessels in North Vietnamese ports during the so-called Lunar truce. The inquiries stemmed from a request from Secretary McNamara to be informed on this item in view of a possible query during his press conference this afternoon.

Previous inquiries on this to the House Armed Services Committee staff had been unsuccessful. I telephoned the office of Representative O'Konski and indicated an interest in clarifying this item. I spoke with Mrs. O'Konski who said the Congressman was in Wisconsin but she knew he had informed their office here that the news item was incorrect, adding that he had been misquoted. Mrs. O'Konski knew nothing further about this and said they were referring all inquiries to the Congressman in Wisconsin to avoid any further confusion. She was very pleasant and helpful. This information was passed on to all those involved in the Pentagon inquiries.

25X1 3. [] Left with the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy staff copies of NIE 4-67 "Proliferation of Missile Delivery Systems for Nuclear Weapons." One copy is for the Joint Committee and one is to be kept in their custody for the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee.

Notified Colonel Glenn Smith, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee staff, that a copy of NIE 4-67 had been left with the JCAE for him.

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25X1 9. [] Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and drafted with him a proposed press release for use by Chairman Rivers and Representative Bates, Senior Minority member, concerning the National Student Association matter. After meeting with Mr. Rivers and Mr. Bates, Mr. Blandford advised that issuance of such a release would be held up pending a meeting of the CIA Subcommittee with the Director. Mr. Blandford further advised that the Chairman requested a meeting be scheduled for 8:00 a.m., Friday, 17 February. This was confirmed with the Director, and Mr. Blandford so advised.

25X1 10. [] Met briefly with Mr. Carl Marcy, Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at the conclusion of Senator McCarthy's press conference concerning the Agency. Mr. Marcy advised that the Senator is quite critical of Agency involvement in the NSA matter or in any activity relating to the domestic scene; and that although he, Mr. Marcy, had not seen the resolution, that the Senator intends to propose to the Senate a six or eight man subcommittee to look into such activities on the part of the Agency.

Later in the day, Mr. Marcy called for copies of the transcript of Admiral Raborn's testimony before Senate Foreign Relations Committee on February 25 and 28, 1966. Upon delivery of the transcript to him, he noted that he was interested in the statement made by the Director at that time concerning the fact that the Agency does not engage in domestic activities. After review of the transcripts by Mr. Marcy, they were returned to the Agency where they are held for safekeeping.

25X1 11. [] Received a call from Mr. Homer McMurray, Committee Reporter, Office of the Speaker, and advised that two copies of the transcript of the Director's briefing of the House Appropriations Subcommittees on 15, 16, and 17 February would be sufficient.

25X1 12. [] Clifford Gaucher, in the office of Representative Philip J. Philbin, called to say he would like to get some briefing on Southeast Asia. He has prepared a written list of what he would like and we will pick it up from him tomorrow.

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